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Dear DOJ,

I am a software developer and technology business owner. The combination of the bad economy and endless litigation between the government, Microsoft, AOL, and whoever else, is making things extremely difficult to be successful.

We need to make technology decisions for our customers. Its hard enough to make these decisions based on the products alone but when you throw litigation into the mix its nearly impossible.

I want to make my voice heard as a little guy. The government is supposed to represent the people and in my opinion allowing all these lawsuits to interfere with a free market economy is hurting the little people. Big corporations have plenty of money to throw around while the small business struggles daily to meet expenses.

My experience in the high tech field has shown that all companies resort to aggressive tactics in the marketplace. Microsoft has been singled out rightly or wrongly. They may deserve some penalties but they do not represent evil and AOL or the government represent good. To allow these lawsuits to continue hurts not only Microsoft but the millions of people who have benefited and continue to rely on their technology moving forward.

In another voice for the little guy I encourage any settlement to benefit those who are in the most need in this country. The donation to poor schools would have been a step in the right direction. Those with less have the most right to benefit in this case. Outside of corruption found at Enron, let the mega-corporations fight it out in the marketplace. Let the consumers be the judge with their spending decisions.

Please end the chaos and let us get back to work serving the people of this country.

Regards,

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